based coordinated and sustained anti-naxalite operations, surrender and rehabilitation policies for surrendered extremists, integrated development of the naxalite affected districts, modernization and training of the State Police forces and raising of Local Resistance Groups against the naxalited.

As a long term plan, the Government has adopted a multipronged approach to tackle the problem of left wing extremism by removing all the shortcomings in intelligence gathering and sharing and for mounting well coordinated anti-naxalite operations as well as laying greater emphasis on developing the physical and social infrastructure in the LWE affected districts.

Achievement under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme

141. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the envisaged objectives under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) have been achieved after utilizing Rs. 15,000 crores released by Government during the last two years;

(b) if so, whether these achievements have resulted in reduction of cash losses by the State Electricity Board and also generation of more power; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The main objective of the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) is to strengthen and upgrade the sub-transmission and distribution network and to reduce commercial losses. Government of India has sanctioned projects worth Rs. 15,641.72 crores APDRP during 2002-03 and 2003-04. An amount of Rs. 2265.26 crores has been released during the said period. Till November 15,2003, an amount of Rs. 1871 crore has been utilized.

(b) and (c) APDRP is a scheme that among other things mandates the State Governments and state Utilities to achieve financial turnaround on the basis of improved efficiencies in transmission and distribution, reduced transmission and distribution losses, financial restructuring, tariff rationalization and reduction of expenditure.

During 2001-02, four States *viz.* Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana and Rajasthan have shown an aggregate cash loss reduction net of subsidy and net of sundry debtor as compared to the year 2000-01 to the tune of Rs. 2138.44 crore.

Sl. No.	State	Cash loss reduction
1.	Gujarat	1072.30
2.	Maharashtra	579.74
3.	Haryana	210.98
4.	Rajasthan	275.42
	TOTAL :	2138.44

In addition to this States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal have reported reduction in overall losses during the year 2002-03 as compared to previous year.

Threat to Hindi Speaking People by ULFA

142. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in North Eastern States particularly in Assam, the Hindi speaking people have been asked to quit or face consequences by ULFA and other groups;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such developments;

(c) whether Government has discussed the situation with the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) As per reports, United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) had issued a Press release asking all Hindi speaking people to leave Assam and North East.